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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re : Application of Brown et al.
For : **TIRE CONSTRUCTION METHOD FOR IMPROVING TIRE
UNIFORMITY**
Serial No. : 09/545,929
Filed : April 10, 2000
Group Art Unit : 1732
Examiner : Mathieu D. Vargot
Our Docket No. : DN2000-067

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is an amendment in response to the Office Action dated December 21, 2001 having a period for response set to expire on March 21, 2002.

Please amend the referenced Application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 7 lines 23-27 with the following paragraph (changes made for clarification of term "Kevlar"):

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-- If the matrix material is a thermoplastic, its deflection temperature is preferably above 30 degrees C, and more preferably between 121-190 degrees C. Heating of the thermoplastic can occur while within the mold. The thermoplastic can be sulfur vulcanizable, semi-sulfur vulcanizable or non sulfur vulcanizable thermoplastics. The reinforcement cords can be aramid (e.g., Kevlar™), steel, rayon, polyester or nylon.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace claims 1-18 with the following claims 1-20. Separate sheets showing the changes made to the claims are enclosed.

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1. A method of manufacturing a pneumatic tire with improved tire uniformity; the tire having a pair of spaced beads in bead portions, and at least one carcass ply extending between the beads and consisting of reinforcement cords embedded in a rubber matrix; the method being characterized by the steps of:

a) forming the rubber matrix from a matrix material that is a thermoplastic having a deflection temperature above which the thermoplastic matrix material is plastic, and below which the

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1725.

Two copies of this sheet are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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